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TO: C/EE/G

FROM: CI/ICD

SUBJECT: Paul Dickopf - Conversation with Ernst Brueckner

The conversation took place on 8 March 1960 in a social atmosphere at my home.

1. In response to a question as to whether Dickopf planned to attend the meeting of the IACP in Miami this year, Brueckner said that "as usual, he does, but when the time comes something will undoubtedly arise to prevent his attending." He then went on to say that Dickopf spends less and less time away from the BKA Hq in Wiesbaden, inasmuch he can no longer count on the control he has exercised since 1950. Long contemptuous of the ineffectiveness of the inexperienced Dullien as chief of the BKA, Dickopf has continued to chip away at Dullien within the organization and outside it. Dullien, who admittedly has no criminal police expertise and has attended only to keeping his fences mended in Bonn and to taking all the vacation time due him, has apparently successfully fenced Dickopf in both in Bonn and Wiesbaden. Now, on his return from trips to Bonn, he does not brief Dickopf as he formerly did, but goes around him to consult D's subordinates Niggemeier and Holle. (Comment: N is head of the Kriminal Institut and H in charge of domestic matters concerning the BKA. Both were strong friends of Dickopf's and shared his attitude toward Dullien, although were much more discreet in airing it.) This increased confidence from above, plus probably some impatience with Dickopf's continual griping about Dullien have probably served to alienate his former staunch friends from him, Brueckner believes.

2. In Brueckner's opinion, Dickopf's days are numbered in the BKA, either because his anti-Dullienism is assuming the proportions of a fixation and affecting his health, or because he is being

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increasingly cut off from the confidence of his superiors and subordinates alike. Brueckner, who appears saddened by these developments, feels that D's only future lies in an appointment to Interpol in Paris. This is also his only salvation, thinks B.

3. Time prevented further exploration of this subject. The Bonn and Frankfurt Bases may be able to throw additional light on it. Likewise, in view of our relationship with Dickopf, it might be desirable to get an opinion from [] in Bonn.

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